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In re application of: **D. Merkel, et al.**

Examiner: **N. Nguyen**

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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MARCH 21, 2007

Dear Sir:

This Reply and attached Declaration under Rule 1.132 are being filed in response to the final Office Action dated March 21, 2007, having a shortened statutory period for reply set to expire June 21, 2007. Applicants believe that no fees are due to further the prosecution of this application. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, any deficiencies that may arise, and to credit any overpayment which may be owed to Applicant in connection with this Reply to Deposit Account No. 19-5425.

The claims of the application have not been amended. However, for the Office's convenience, the pending claims are provided beginning on page 2 of this correspondence. Applicant's remarks begin on page 7.